

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chad R. Walsh (Reg. No. 43,235) on November 20, 2009.
3. Amend the claims as follows:
 - a. Claim 16, line 2, replace the recitation of "client abstraction layer on a server," with -- client abstraction layer executing on a server, said server having a processor and memory, --.
 - b. Claim 21, line 3, replace the recitation of "client abstraction layer on said server," with -- client abstraction layer executing on a server, --.
 - c. Claim 21, line 10, replace the recitation of "wherein a selection data element specifies", with -- wherein the one or more selection data elements specify --.

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- d. Claim 21, line 15, replace the recitation of "the selected process", with --
the selected first process ---.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Hamilton, II et al. disclose ranking adapters.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KimbleAnn Verdi whose telephone number is (571)270-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm EST.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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